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1. AT NOVEMBER 26 POLADS, BELGIAN REP GAVE BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF YUGOSLAV FONSEC MINIC'S RECENT VISIT TO BELGIUM. HE SAID ESSENTIAL FOCUS OF THE TALKS WAS ON MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS. MINIC REPORTEDLY EMPHASIZED YUGOSLAVIA'S HISTORY OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE ARABS AND EUROPE'S RELIANCE ON MIDDLE EASTERN OIL. HE TOLD THE BELGIANS THAT A NUMBER OF EAST-WEST PROBLEMS INCLUDING THECSCE AND DETENTE IN THE BROAD SENSE ARE INTIMATELY CONNECTED WITH MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS. THE YUGOSLAV FONSEC REPORTEDLY OFFERED NO SOLUTIONS BY UN RESOLUTION 242. HE DID EMPHASIZE, HOWEVER, THAT ALL COUNTRIES IN THE AREA ARE ENTITLED TO GUARANTEES OF THEIR FUTURE EXISTENCE. MINIC EMPHASIZED THAT TIME IS ON THE SIDE OF THE ARABS AND THAT IN HIS VIEW EVERYTHING DEPENDED ON DECISIONS BY
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THE UNITED STATES WHICH IS THE ONLY PARTY WITH THE POWER AND INFLUENCE REQUIRED TO INDUCE ISRAEL TO TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TOWARDS SUCH A SOLUTION.

2. BELGIAN REP SUGGESTED THAT MINIC GAVE HIS AUTHORITIES IMPRESSION THAT YUGOSLAVS FEEL MIDDLE EAST DIFFICULTIES ARE SOME SORT OF INFECTION WHICH HAD ALREADY SPREAD ACROSS CYPRUS AND WHICH WAS HEADED WESTWARD IN THEIR DIRECTION. "THAT IS WHY YUGOSLAVIA REACTED SO PROMPTLY AGAINST THE NATO NAVAL MANEUVERS WHICH RECENTLY TOOK PLACE IN THE ADRIATIC," MINIC REPORTEDLY SAID.

3. THE REMAINDER OF THE BELGIAN REP'S BRIEFING, WHICH WAS ORALLY EXTRACTED FROM AN APPARENTLY LENGTHY REPORT IN FRONT OF HIM, WAS EITHER REPETITIVE OR CONSISTED OF GENERALITIES. AT ITS CONCLUSION, ITALIAN REP INQUIRED WHETHER BELGIUM HAD REACTED TO THE YUGOSLAV FONSEC'S "UNACCEPTABLE ALLEGATION" ABOUT NATO MANEUVERS IN THE ADRIATIC. BELGIAN REP INDICATED HIS REPORT DID NOT REFLECT ANY BELGIAN RESPONSE. MCAULIFFE

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